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Agreement for Interstate Water Banking Signed

On July 3, 2001 the Agreement for Interstate Water Banking was signed in Las Vegas, Nevada at the headquarters of the Southern Nevada Water Authority. The agreement is the first of three agreements needed to allow water to be banked in Arizona for Nevada. The AWBA approved the agreement at their March 21, 2001 meeting. The signed agreement can be viewed on the AWBA web page. Hard copies can be obtained by contacting Nannette Flores.



AWBA Chairman Joseph C. Smith and former Chairman Rita Pearson Maguire attended the signing ceremony for the Agreement for Interstate Water Banking.

News from the CAP

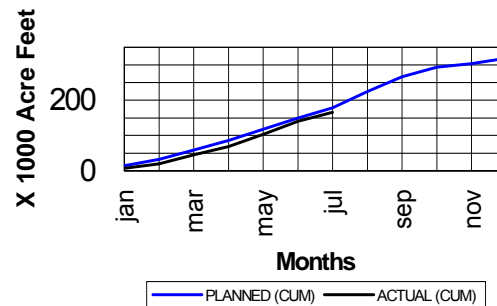
▶ On June 21, 2001 the Central Arizona Water Conservation District's Board adopted the 2002 water rates. The firm rate for AWBA and Incentive Recharge delivery is \$55.00 per acre foot, a \$10.00 increase over the 2001 rate. The advisory rate for 2003 is \$68.00. The 2002 rate for AWBA Interstate Recharge was set at \$189.00 per acre foot.

▶ Also at the June meeting, the CAWCD Board passed a resolution to deposit all 4¢ tax dollars gathered in tax year 2001-2002 in the Arizona Water Banking Fund for use by the AWBA.

► In June and July, the CAP delivered water to GRUSP as part of an exchange agreement between the CAWCD and SRP. This exchange will allow the AWBA to store about 6,000 acre feet at GRUSP during November and December.

AWBA Water Deliveries

2001 DELIVERIES (by Month)



June and July Water Deliveries

	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>
Phoenix AMA	12,375 AF	14,497 AF
Pinal AMA	19,281 AF	7,319 AF
Tucson AMA	<u>5,215 AF</u>	<u>3,209 AF</u>
	36,871 AF	25,025 AF

Total Deliveries (thru July)

165,151 AF

Request for Re-initiation of Discussions Regarding Interstate Water Banking Received from California

By letter dated July 10, 2001, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California requested that the AWBA re-initiate discussions regarding interstate water banking with them. MWD was informed that their request would be an agenda item at the next regularly scheduled AWBA meeting. Tim Henley, Manager of the AWBA, anticipates meeting with Mr. Dennis Underwood, Vice President of MWD, prior to the AWBA meeting to gather additional information regarding the request to facilitate the AWBA's discussion.

Staff Activities Update

- ▶ AWBA staff met with groundwater savings facilities partners on August 13, 2001 to discuss development of new agreements. The majority of the current agreements between the AWBA and the facility operators for storage at GSF's expire on December 31, 2001. Projected participation with the AWBA for 2002 was also discussed.
- ▶ As part of negotiation of an agreement for storage at the Avra Valley Irrigation District GSF, AWBA staff will present the proposed agreement for review and comment at a meeting of the IPAG in Tucson on August 22, 2001.

Upcoming Authority Meetings

Wednesday, September 26, 2001* from 10:00-12:00 at ADWR Conference Room B.

Wednesday, December 19, 2001 from 10:00-12:00 at ADWR Conference Room B.

*Note: Meeting has been re-scheduled.



On June 27, 2001, the Authority adopted the **2000 Annual Report** of the AWBA as required by statute. This is the first annual report to include interstate water banking for Nevada in the ten year planning process. The **2000 Annual Report** is available on the AWBA web page. Hard copies can be requested by contacting Nannette Flores.

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